EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 840

WHEREAS, planning for criminal justice and correctional programs is enhanced by the availability of sound and accurate data; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Department of the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) is uniquely qualified to be responsible for collecting, analyzing, and disseminating criminal justice statistics; and

WHEREAS, the eligibility requirements for grant applications to the Bureau of Justice Statistics under the United States Department of Justice require a designated entity to apply for grants and conduct research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order the following:

- 1. The Department of Criminal Justice of the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) be designated as the Mississippi Statistical Analysis Center (SAC);
- 2. The University of Southern Mississippi shall comply with the mandates set forth in United States Department of Justice guidelines for State SACs and any other mandates related to State SACs;
- 3. The University of Southern Mississippi shall coordinate, as needed, with relevant state agencies in fulfilling the obligations of the SAC as required by United States Department of Justice;
- 4. The Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Southern Mississippi shall appoint the Director of the Mississippi Statistical Analysis Center (SAC), with the advice and consent of the University's Vice President for Research and Development.
- 5. This Executive Order may be modified as deemed necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, October 6th, 2000, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR